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SUBJECT: SULTAN CABLES CONGRATULATIONS TO AHMADINEJAD

¶1. (SBU) On June 15, all Omani English and Arabic daily papers carried an official news agency (Oman News Agency) article stating that H.M. Sultan Qaboos congratulates Ahmadinejad on his re-election. News of the Sultan's cable of congratulations appeared front page above the fold, standard placement for all his official messages. The acknowledgement of Ahmadinejad's win comes quickly after Ayatollah Khamenei's endorsement of the election results. The full text of the ONA article follows.

¶2. (U) Begin text: His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said has sent a cable of congratulations to Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on his re-election for another presidential term. His Majesty expressed sincere congratulations and best wishes to President Ahmedinejad in leading the Iranian friendly people towards further progress, prosperity and welfare. His Majesty also affirmed the keenness to cement the existing strong relations between the two countries, as well as enhance cooperation in various fields in a way that serves the interest of Omani and Iranian friendly people. End text.
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